

The Olio.

By the author of the following will frequently favor us with the fruits of his pen. It is peculiarly refreshing in these grasping, gold hunting times, to think that the useful Nine are not altogether forgotten. When sitting down for the inspiration of the Muse than when viewing the magnificent scenery that abounds in these parts of the sea.

[For the Polynesian.]

On seeing the U. S. steam propeller "Massachusetts" running down for the harbor, on the morning of the 9th ultimo. See how you vessel comes in—quick on—Hanging her pretty painted bow stern, As jewel to her ship-of-arching power. Fancy might say her from coral rocks Had set up on the ocean's brightest shells And hung them up as sails to speed her way. If marble Athens saw her she'd show her hand, Who took mosaic floor and hymn'd the gods, Such poet would depict the thing we view The dwelling place of Neptune, when he came From depths where gambol wend-garland nymphs, To take the earth-wings of his brother Eros, And tell him of the beauties of Europe. But ours are better times, and we can drink The world and nature with a purer faith. We think of blessings when we look on you, Nor cast one thought on my embryo'd Apollo. Should lovely woman stand in single chains, Or move around as like a moonlit cloud, We want no sea to tell us that the maid Was fashion'd from the pearl bestowing spray; The mind that glows within the fair girl's eye Speaks of a heart where rests the dove of God—The dove of peace, which winnows purity. And while you moving thing upon the sea Wraps us in wonder at the skill of man, A chill runs through us as we feel the might Of him who harnesses a million waves to him—Of him who bows the light ethereal—Oh, thoughts like these give brightness to the soul As strange, as murmurs in the twisted comb When waiting for its native element Upon the golden sands of Africa's desert. Honolulu, April 9, 1849.

SPRING—A NEW VERSION.

BY THOMAS MOORE.

Come, gentle Spring! ethereal mildness come! Oh, Thompson, send of rhyme as well as reason, How couldst thou thus pour human nature hum? There's no such reason. The Spring! I shrink and shudder at her name! For why? I find her breath a little lighter! And suffer from her blows as if they came From Spring the fiercer. Her praises then let hardly poets sing, And be her tender laureates and upholders, Who do not feel as if they had a share In pouring down their shoulders. Let others eulogize her droll shows, From me they cannot win a single stanza; I know her blooms are fall in blow—and so's The Infidels. Her cowslips, stocks, and lilies of the vale, Her honey-blossoms that you hear the bees at, Her pansies, daffodils, and primrose pale, Are things I sneeze at! Fair is the vernal quarter of the year, And fair its early budding and its blowings—But just suppose consumption's seeds appear With other sowings! For me, I find when western winds are high, A frigid, not a genial inspiration; Nor can, like the iron-chested Chubb they An infatuation. Smitten by breezes from the land of plague, To me all vernal fancies are futile; Oh! where's the Sarsaparilla in a rheumatic leg, Suff as a tonic? I jump in agony!—I wheeze and cough, And quake with Ague, that great Agitator, Nor dream before July of leaving off My Respirator. What wonder if, in May itself, I lack A peg for larders year to hang on? Spring mild and gentle—yes as spring-heeled Jack To those he sprang on! In short, whatever pangencies lie In fulsome odors too many to be cited, The tenderness of Spring is all my eye, And that is blighted!

PARTICULAR PEOPLE.

Reader, did you ever live with a particular lady? Did you ever visit, or board with, a real precisian?—one not merely decently, but atrociously neat—possessed, not simply with the spirit, but the demon of tidiness?—Didst ever receive a two hours lecture upon the sin of a dusty boot, or find a hurricane raised about your ears on the enormity of spilling a glass of water? Hast ever seen a woman who would go into convulsions at sight of a dicky in a chair, or be struck speechless at beholding a book on the table instead of in a book-case? Those who have had such disagreeable experience, will know how to sympathize with the author of the following: Truly, his complaints are most lachrymose:— Gentle reader! I have passed two whole months with a particular lady. I had often received very pressing invitations to visit an old schoolfellow, who is settled in a snug parsonage, about fifty miles from town; but something or other was continually occurring to prevent me from availing myself of them. "Man never is, but always to be cursed," Accordingly, on the 17th of June, 1846 (I shall never forget it, if I live to the age of old Parr,) having a few weeks at my disposal, I set out for my chum's residence. He received me with his wonted cordiality; but I fancied he looked a little more care-worn than a man of thirty might have been expected to look, married as he is to the woman of his choice, and in the possession of a liberal fortune. Poor fellow! I did not know that his wife was a precisian—I did not employ the term in a religious sense. The first hint I received of the fact was from Mr. S., who, removing my hat from the first peg in the hall to the fourth, observed, "My wife is a little particular in these matters; the first peg is for my hat, the second is for William's, the third for Tom's, and you can reserve the fourth, if you please, for your own; ladies, you know, do not like to have their arrangements interfered with." I promised to do my best to recollect the order of precedence with respect to the hats, and walked up stairs impressed with an awful veneration for a lady who had contrived to impose so rigid a discipline on a man, formerly the most disorderly of mortals, mentally resolving to obtain her favor by the most studious observance of her wishes. I might as well have determined to be Emperor of China! Before the week was at an end, I was a lost man. I always reckon myself tolerably tidy; never leaving more than half my clothes on the floor of my dressing-room, nor more than a dozen books about any apartment I may happen to occupy for an hour. I do not lose more than a dozen handkerchiefs in a month; nor have more than a quarter of an hour's hunt for my hat or gloves, whenever I am going out in a hurry. I found all this was but as dust in the balance. The first time I sat down to dinner, I made a horrible blunder; for, in

my haste to help my friend to some asparagus, I pulled the dish a little out of its place, thereby deranging the exact hexagonal order in which the said dishes were arranged—I discovered my mistake on hearing Mr. S. sharply rebuked for a similar offence. Secondly, I sat half the evening with the cushion of my chair—what was worse, I do not know that I should have been aware of my delinquency, if the agony of the lady's feelings had not, at length, overpowered every other consideration, and at last burst forth, "Excuse me, Mr. S., but do pray put your cushion straight; it annoys me beyond measure to see it otherwise." My third offence was displacing the snuff-stand from its central position between the candlesticks; my fourth, leaving a pamphlet I had been perusing on the piano-forte, its proper place being a table in the middle of the room, on which all books in present use were ordered to repose; my fifth,—but in short I should never have done, were I to enumerate every separate enormity of which I was guilty. My friend S.'s drawing-room had as good a right to exhibit a placard of "Steel Traps and Spring Guns," as any park with I am acquainted. In one place you were in danger of having your legs snap off, and in another your nose. There never was a house so atrociously neat; every chair and table knew its duty; the very chimney ornaments had been "trained up in the way they should go," and woe to the unlucky wight who should make them "depart from it." Even those "chartered liberties," the children and dogs, were taught to be as demure and hypocritical as the matronly tabby cat herself, who sat with her fore-feet together, and her tail curled round her with as much precision as if she had been worked in an urn-rug, instead of being a living mouser.—It was the utmost stretch of my friend's martial authority to get his favorite spaniel admitted to the honors of the parlor; and even this privilege is only granted in his master's presence. If Carlo happens to pop his unlucky black nose into the room when S. is from home, he sets off with as much consciousness in his ears as if he had been convicted of a larceny in the kitchen, and anticipated the application of a broom-stick. As to the children, heaven help them! I believe that they look forward to their evening visit to the drawing-room with much the same sort of feeling. I shall never forget the delight I felt on entering my own house, after enduring her thralldom for two months. I absolutely revelled in disorder, and gloried in my litter.—I tossed my hat one way, my gloves another; pushed all the chairs into the middle of the room, and narrowly escaped kicking my faithful Christopher, for offering to put it in "order." That cursed "spirit of order!" I am sure it is a spirit of evil even to S. For my own part, I do so exorcise the phrase, that if I were a member of the House of Commons, and the order of the day were called for, I should make it a rule to work out. Since my return home, I have positively prohibited the use of the word in my house; and have nearly quarrelled with an honest poulterer, who has served me for the last ten years, because he has a rascally shopman, who will persist in snuffling at the door (I hear him now from my parlor window.) "Any order this morning?" Confound the fellow! that is his knock! I will go and offer him half a crown to change his phrase!

ON THE APPELLATION SWEET FELLOW.—The use of this fashionable expression is principally confined by the ladies to that species of mankind who are possessed of good legs, a tolerable face, and little understanding; fellows who grow like excrescences upon the face of creation, and whose ideas, if they have any, are entirely confined to the contemplation of their own personal accomplishments, and the seduction of innocence and virtue. As a great number of our fine gentlemen put in their claim for the title of a Sweet Fellow, it may not be unnecessary to mention some particular marks by which they may be distinguished from the sensible part of mankind. So here goes:— A Sweet Fellow is a constant attendant upon the ignorant part of the ladies, and always closely connected with a dancing master. A Sweet Fellow wears an eternal simper on his countenance, and is always the readiest to laugh at his own joke. A Sweet Fellow talks very loud, swears very much, and thinks very little. A Sweet Fellow generally behaves rude to a lady in public, stares in the face of every woman he meets, and though possessed of a good pair of eyes, always makes use of a glass. A Sweet Fellow is courageous enough to draw his sword on a beggar, and good natured enough to take a slap in the face from any person on an equality with himself. But we must stop here, as our limits will not permit us to enter more largely into the merits of a "sweet fellow" to-day.

Wise Sayings.—"Don't rob Peter to pay Paul," but try to pay all men their just dues. By so doing you will be sure to have a clear conscience; and a clear conscience is worth more than all the riches in the world. If you would be thought respectable don't keep bad company. A man is known by the company that he keeps. During the warm weather avoid getting in a passion. A tavern keeper being hauled up to the criminal court for some offence, began a speech by saying that he was unused to the situation in which he found himself. "Not at all," interrupted the opposing lawyer—"you are accustomed to stand at the bar." A passenger on board a very slow boat on the Mississippi asked the captain what made the vessel go so slow. The captain told him it was owing to so many cat-fish going the other way. One of the best illustrations of avarice we ever heard of, is that contained in an old caricature which represents Old Nick carrying a miser down to his regions, and while on the way the gripus is making propositions to his majesty to supply him with coals! An itinerant preacher maintains that the motion of the earth is taught in scripture where it speaks of turning the world upside down.

"I am very sorry you said that," carelessly remarked a loafer to the judge, who had sentenced him to three years in the penitentiary.

NEW GOODS.

NOW LANDING from Am. ship "Lealand," adapted for the California and S. I. markets, and for sale by S. H. WILLIAMS & CO. Dr. Goods. 2 cases Nankin Cambrones, 2 do Mexican Mixtures, 2 do York Tickings, 2 do blue Jeans, 1 do bleached do, 1 do Essex Denims, 13 do blue, pink, and orange Prints, 9 do 84 in. Turkey red Cottons, 1 do assorted Hosiery, Gloves, Gold Lace, etc., 1 do do Taffeta Ribbons, 1 do wax and madder Hf's, fancy colors, 3 bales Duffie blankets, 1 do Potomac Flannels, 1 do white do, 1 do scarlet do, 1 do Furniture Checks, 1 do round Wickings, 2 do assid. Cotton Thread, 1 do Table Napkins, 5 do 30 in. Umbrellas, 1 do silk do, 1 do printed Bedspreads, 1 do cotton Gambroons, 1 do French Prints and Muslin, 1 do fancy do, 1 do wool net Shawls, 1 do Fans, 1 do fancy Pantaloons stuff, 1 do corded Skirts. Boots and Shoes, Caps, &c. 15 cases men's Brogans, 4 do do super do, 3 do do sewed Boots, 2 do do pegged do, 4 do do sewed Shoes, 7 do do Ladies' and children's shoes, 1 case calf skins, lining and binding do, 3 do shoe-maker's tools, lasts, pegs, etc., 50 sides sole leather and rigging do, 8 cases assorted palm leaf hats, 3 cases frame plates, 34 doz. men's light summer Caps, 6 doz. men's super Navy Caps, 4 cases assid. stationery, 1 case assid. playing cards, 1 case Ink.

Groceries, Provisions, &c. 79 boxes best refined Lard, 10 lbs. best Carolina Rice, 30 doz. Superior Flour, 5 do 40s, 5 do 30s, 10 do 20s, 10 do 10s, 10 do 5s, 10 do 2s, 10 do 1s, 10 do 1/2s, 10 do 1/4s, 10 do 1/8s, 10 do 1/16s, 10 do 1/32s, 10 do 1/64s, 10 do 1/128s, 10 do 1/256s, 10 do 1/512s, 10 do 1/1024s, 10 do 1/2048s, 10 do 1/4096s, 10 do 1/8192s, 10 do 1/16384s, 10 do 1/32768s, 10 do 1/65536s, 10 do 1/131072s, 10 do 1/262144s, 10 do 1/524288s, 10 do 1/1048576s, 10 do 1/2097152s, 10 do 1/4194304s, 10 do 1/8388608s, 10 do 1/16777216s, 10 do 1/33554432s, 10 do 1/67108864s, 10 do 1/134217728s, 10 do 1/268435456s, 10 do 1/536870912s, 10 do 1/1073741824s, 10 do 1/2147483648s, 10 do 1/4294967296s, 10 do 1/8589934592s, 10 do 1/17179869184s, 10 do 1/34359738368s, 10 do 1/68719476736s, 10 do 1/137438953472s, 10 do 1/274877906944s, 10 do 1/549755813888s, 10 do 1/1099511627776s, 10 do 1/2199023255552s, 10 do 1/4398046511104s, 10 do 1/8796093022208s, 10 do 1/17592186044416s, 10 do 1/35184372088832s, 10 do 1/70368744177664s, 10 do 1/140737488355328s, 10 do 1/281474976710656s, 10 do 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